



Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group Meeting
Gunter Falcons' Nest
3 April 2003

1. The President of the Maxwell Gunter Chief's Group, CMSgt Gil Duenas, called the (March) meeting to order at 0700 hours, Thursday, 3 April 2003 at the Gunter Falcons' Nest.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation
- c. Welcome visitors

2. Transfer of Chief Jeep Award

- a. In possession of the jeep since the Annual Induction Ceremony on 8 Feb 03, CMSgt Gregory Barnes (HQ SSG) proudly displayed the addition of an "Operation Iraqi Freedom" decal to the garage before transferring the jeep to CMSgt (s) James Suttles. CMSgt Barnes remarked that the garage and the jeep were a bit overburdened by all the modifications and additions made over the past couple of years and that it might be time to do something about it. CMSgt Ball suggested that there is a display case at the Falcon Nest that would very nicely accommodate the current jeep and garage (along with other Chief mementos to display our history) and that maybe newest group of selectees would like to get together and arrange to find a suitable replacement for our jeep and garage and come up with something more reflecting of this millennium. The suggestion met unanimous approval of all Chiefs present.
- b. The following represents the remaining sequence of planned presentations: PHILLIP TOPPER - 301; BEVERLY D. HILL - 303; BRIAN K. KNOTT - 348; JODY HANKS - 423; KEVIN LYNN - 441; DAVID BRIDGE - 493; WM ALLEN USRY; JOHN NIECE

3. Sharp Troop Presentation(s): None. Chief Duenas expressed that with the new year, it is a good time to get this program rolling again. He would like to see two presentations at each meeting. Although he did not have any cards available to pass out at the moment Chief Duenas stressed that anyone interested in recognizing one of Team Maxwell-Gunter's many sharp troops to please contact our group POC, CMSgt Carl Viars and to take a look at the guidelines for this program on our Chiefs' Group web page at: <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/42abw/chief/sharptroop.html>.

4. Guest Speakers: None. If there is a subject matter/program that the Group would like to hear about (for example TSUM and/or AUM degree programs) please get with the group President to schedule a speaker.

5. Welcome/farewells:

- a. **New chiefs**— None.
- b. **Retiring Chiefs:** CMSgt Duenas expressed thanks and appreciation from himself and his entire family for making his retirement such a memorable occasion.
- c. **Departing Chiefs**—CMSgt Ball to McGuire AFB NJ (23Apr 03)

6. Approval of Last Minutes: The February 2003 meeting minutes were approved.

7. Treasurer's Report: The March 2003 treasurer's report was approved.

8. Committee Actions:

- a. **Election Committee:** Chairman, CMSgt Mike Horne presented the slate of nominees: President: Jerry Sutton; Vice President: Berry Kirksey; Treasurer: James Suttles and Secretary: Annie Cantrell. No nominations made from the floor. Motion made and second to close nominations and to approve by acclamation. Congratulations to our new Executive Committee. Installation will be conducted during the April meeting.
- b. **Chief Panels:** CMSgt Coe briefed the next ALS panel will be 20 May at 1500. This is a Total Force project and the more Chiefs present the better. He will send out a reminder email when the event gets closer. Mark your calendars.
- c. **Fundraising:** CMSgt Jerry Sutton briefed we need to look for alternative ways to raise funds for our approx 8K annual budget besides the current 9/11 coin. A new coin for Operation Iraqi Freedom will soon be available for sale. Looking into the possibility of fundraisers of BBQ plate sale or boston butts.

9. New Business:

- a. Gourmet Dinner – start looking at your calendars to find a date for the annual Gourmet dinner in Lownsboro.
- b. Organizational Recognition BBQ: Our last organizational BBQ was for HQ SSG. A motion was made and approved to continue with the quarterly BBQ recognitions. Remaining units are 908 AW, AFLM, combined SrNCOA, NCOA & Honor Guard), and the Army Guard. Need to determine unit and when.

10. Announcements:

- a. **908AW CCM:** CMSgt Amos Moore thanked CMSgt Duenas for all his efforts to include the 908th Airlift Wing as part of the total force in Team Maxwell-Gunter during his Presidency.
- b. **HQ SSG CCM:** CMSgt Vicki Orcutt reminded us to be situationally aware while driving. Preaching to the choir, with the ORI everyone needs to participate and be supportive. April 18 will be the HQ SSG Annual Award Banquet fundraiser golf tournament. Discussion held regarding Maxwell Heights occupants safety and concerns. Currently they will leave through attrition. She is aware of the level of concern for the care and standards of base house upkeep (yards etc), and safety. Recommended taking photos when possible.
- c. **AL State Nat'l Guard CCM:** CMSgt Tim Foreman briefed there are approximately 1,000 Guardsmen deployed at this time.
- d. **First Sergeant Academy:** CMSgt Sandy Williams briefed the next graduation is 18 April. Seats must be filled for all classes. No longer accepting SMSgt for classes. Target audience is MSgts in the 15-17 year group. Opportunity to stay past 3 years. She is happy to speak to anyone with specific questions.
- e. **AFSNCOA:** CMSgt Roger Ball announced the Falcons Nest was having a Mongolian BBQ on 18 April and an Easter Champagne brunch on 20 April.
- f. **Enlisted Heritage Hall:** CMSgt Dave Hamel stated the 19 Mar 03, Dedication Ceremony, Red Irwin Library, AFSNCOA was a success. If you haven't been there lately, you need to. Next event is 10 May at 0800 with the Heritage Race as the next fundraiser. There are always bricks for sale – good going away gift.
- g. **CMSgt (r) Lew Lewis** briefed the group on the United Way, combined federal campaign and the application review committee on 24 April. CMSgt Al Coe is the chairman and two other Chiefs are needed. Please call 264-7318 if interested in helping out. Should take approximately 4 hours.
- h. **CMSgt (r) Andy Potter** shared that the Humane Society will be at the Annual Family day carnival scheduled for 5 April from 10-2 pm.

11. Meeting adjourned at 0755 hours. Next meeting is scheduled for 24 April 2003, 0700 hours, Gunter Falcons' Nest. Although the date is during the ORI it was felt that it is best to keep the last Thursday of the month for consistency.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT DUENAS, CMSgt, USAF
President

LAURA ANNIE CANTRELL, CMSgt, USAFR
Secretary

2 Attachments:

1. Calendar of Events
2. Treasurer Report – March 2003

CHIEF'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 Apr 03: 5TH Annual Family Carnival, Ritchey Center
12 Apr 03: Enlisted Heritage Hall Race, Train Shed, (downtown Montgomery)
21Apr-2 May 03: AETC Operational Readiness Inspection
23 Apr 03: SNCOA Graduation, Civic Center
24 Apr 03: Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group meeting (installation of newly elected officers)
24-29 Apr: Worldwide Command Chief Conference, SNCOA
10 May: Enlisted Heritage Hall Race, Train Shed – downtown Montgomery
15 May: Gunter NCO Academy graduates
22 May: ALS (03-5) Graduates, Maxwell
29 May: Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group meeting